

House Resolution No. 1157

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Jerry M. Dance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dance, lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Betty Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Richardson, during a solemn ceremony on March 27, 1954, in Monticello, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Jerry and Betty Dance have had the pleasure of raising three children, Becky Peck of Liberty, Debbie Dance Uhrig of Smithville, and Greg Dance of San Diego, California, and the privilege of spoiling eight grandchildren; and

Whereas, now retired, Jerry Dance has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes successful endeavors as an employee of the United State Bank of Lewistown and as a member of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Betty Dance has further distinguished herself as a church organist and pianist for many years and as past President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Missouri, where she continues to be active in club and state activities; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Dance derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with the Baptist Church in Ewing, where Jerry serves as a Deacon; and

Whereas, Jerry and Betty Dance of Lewistown will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on March 19, 2004, at the White House Reception Center at Victoria Palms Resort in Donna, Texas:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jerry and Betty Dance and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Jerry M. Dance.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1157, adopted March 17, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker